

**ABSTRACT**

**A polarizing plate of the invention comprises a polarizer and  
5 a protective film laminated on one side or both sides of the  
polarizer, wherein the polarizer comprises a film having a structure  
having a minute domain dispersed in a matrix formed of a  
translucent water-soluble resin including an iodine light absorbing  
material, and wherein the protective film satisfies an in-plane  
10 retardation of 20 nm or less, and a thickness direction retardation  
of 30 nm or less. The polarizing plate has a high polarization  
degree even on the short wavelength. Further, a polarizing plate  
of high polarization degree and high durability can be provided.**